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Mr. William F. Tompkins
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:

25X1 I have received your letter of 15 July requesting our approval
of the possible utilization of [] as an expert witness
in administrative hearings involving three organizations who are
25X1 contesting their designation under the Federal Employee Security
Program. Discussion between our representatives has indicated that
25X1 [] were he to testify, would be subject to cross-examination
by the attorneys for the organizations concerned, and in fact in
order to qualify [] his experience and background as an
employee of the Central Intelligence Agency would necessarily be
a part of the direct examination.

In addition to the above-mentioned aspects of []
25X1 appearance in the administrative hearings is the likelihood that
the organizations concerned, through their attorneys, very probably
will exhaust every legal remedy, including extensive proceedings
in the courts. The possible publicity attendant upon these
eventualities and the involvement of the Central Intelligence
Agency are such that I do not believe the best interests of the
Agency would be served by the appearance of [] as a witness. 25X1

25X1 I am fully appreciative of the necessity underlying your
request for possible utilization of [] On the other hand
I am sure that you appreciate the implications as far as the
Central Intelligence Agency is concerned.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

OGC:JSW:jeb
cc: /DCI (2) w/incoming letter
Director of Training
OGC w/cc of incoming letter

7/20/55: Original mailed to []

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed polite 'NO' to Mr. Tompkins on his request for the appearance of [redacted] as a witness. I have discussed the matter with the Department of Justice's lawyers and learned that they had expected this ~~turndown~~ Colonel Edwards of Security and [redacted] of Training have concurred in this reply.

Recommend signature.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Acting General Counsel

20 July 1955
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